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2010-2011 DG
Paul Lucas

Fellow Rotarians:

We begin September “New Generations Month” with many exciting programs underway to address the younger generation!

Inbound youth exchange students have arrived and are getting settled in their new homes and outbound students have departed as young ambassadors to many different countries. These experiences will provide an incredible international perspective and understanding that will last a life time and do much to promote goodwill and peace.

INTERACT and ROTARACT clubs are meeting and making their service and fellowship plans. Some clubs are even exploring the EarlyACT program for youth in grade school.

Many clubs have dictionaries, books and reading programs underway and even “books for babies.”

Our ambassadorial scholars Vanessa and Marcelo have recently departed for Mexico and Chile to begin their diplomatic activities and international studies. Also our district will again have a two year Peace Fellow scholar studying in Australia.

In a few days, candidates will be interviewing for the Group Study Exchange with Auckland, New Zealand.

Our Rotarians are also active in many initiatives which insure better health, nutrition and education for youth in our own communities but also in the world community.

So far 28 of the 65 required annual governor club visits have been completed. We are being enlightened at every visit with: many ways of fundraising including: basketball tournaments which share hotel-motel tax, selling radio advertising, cow pasture golf tournaments, flags, raffles, walks, runs ... and the many ways of serving including: nap sacks, snack packs, clothing, meals on wheels, habitat, water filters, medical clinics, scholarships...mentoring, and such.

I would like to thank all of you who participated in the very successful district seminar last month aimed at effective membership recruiting, retention and extension. The seminar also provided excellent individual “how to” training on many of the programs and features of the Rotary Foundation.

As we go forward this month we count on your support and your Rotary influence in getting those outside of Rotary to participate in the worldwide eradication of Polio by giving to Polio Plus. Past RI President Bill Boyd from Auckland New Zealand will be addressing the World Polio Banquet in Abilene on Oct 5 and the Rotary Foundation Banquet in Fort Worth on Oct 6. Please register early and don't miss this opportunity to hear one of the most popular speakers in the Rotary world.

DG Paul



FOUNDATION BANQUET OCTOBER 6th

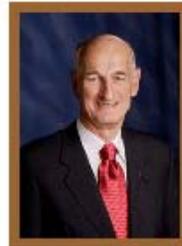


Come and learn more about the Rotary Foundation from Rotary Past President William Boyd.

For more info contact Dan Morales, Foundation Chair.

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*Coming to District 5790
Past Rotary International President 2006-2007
William B. Boyd*



*District 5790's Foundation Celebration Dinner
An invitation to the clubs
Wednesday, October 6th*

*Reception 6:00 pm * Dinner 7:00pm
\$45 per person*

*Club Tables recommended (priority seating for ten)
The Fort Worth Club
306 West Seventh Street
Fort Worth, TX 76102*

*From Auckland, New Zealand, Bill Boyd is one of
Rotary's most renowned and inspirational speakers*

Prepare to be inspired

*For more information contact PDG Dan Morales at workoutdan@aol.com
or 817-994-7575 Registration available at www.rotary5790.org*



WORLD POLIO DAY DINNER—ABILENE CLUBS—OCTOBER 5th

Come and learn more about the Rotary Foundation from Rotary Past President William Boyd.

Contact Will Speight at 325-338-7089 or by e-mail at:

wospeight@suddenlink.net

Or go to

www.AbileneSouthwestRotary.org to register.



*You and your spouse/guest
are invited to the
"World Polio Day" Dinner*

*Abilene Christian University
Hunter Welcome Center
Abilene, Texas*

*Tuesday, October 5, 2010
6:00 P.M. Paul Harris Reception (open to all)
7:00 P.M. Dinner*

*Keynote Speaker:
RI President 2006 - 2007
Bill Boyd*

**Minimum Donation of \$50.00 per person
100% of Donation will go to Polio Plus Eradication**

Limited Seating

**Obtain a SignUp Dinner Form
from your Club Secretary or go online:
www.abilenesouthwestrotary.org**

Deadline: Sept. 30, 2010

Hosted By:

Abilene Rotary Club

**Abilene Southwest Rotary Club
Abilene Wednesday Rotary Club
Coleman Rotary Club**

**Hamlin Rotary Club
Haskell Rotary Club
Stamford Rotary Club**



INTERACT & ROTARACT



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With the start of the school year, District 5790 is gearing up for another exciting year of Interact and Rotaract activities. There are now 27 Interact Clubs and 2 Rotaract Clubs in our District. Efforts are underway to establish several new Rotaract Clubs. DG Paul has set a goal for two new Interact Clubs and two new Rotaract Clubs this year, and that looks like an attainable goal.

Rotary is based upon high ethical standards, fellowship, and service to others, both locally and internationally. These are powerful ideals that we all strive to teach our children. Interact and Rotaract are structured ways Rotary has developed to help inculcate these values in our youth. In District 5790, we are fortunate that so many Rotary Clubs...and so many members within those Clubs who have agreed to serve as Sponsors have accepted...the responsibility to sponsor these important New Generation services.

In addition to creating some new Clubs and re-energizing others, as District Interact/Rotaract Chair, I have some other goals. Every Club has great ideas for developing membership, finding ways to serve their community, developing international projects, or how to energize their Club. These ideas should be shared with others so that other Clubs could also benefit and grow. For example, one Club is seeking permission from their school to have an Interact presence when other students come to get their text books (Book Days), so they can make others aware and recruit members. An electronic Interact Newsletter would be an easy way to circulate these ideas through the District, as long as Clubs are willing to share.

Although it is short notice, and is still preliminary and tentative, we are trying to organize a District Interact Conference for Interactors during the time frame of Interact Week in the RI calendar (1st week of November), which seems like a great way to jump-start the new year. We have contacted several other Interact Clubs to ask their participation in the planning. As of now, we are working towards a one day event, tentatively October 30, in Weatherford. The goal is to make it a youth-centered day, with fun and fellowship, as well as some learning. RYLA leadership has agreed to participate. It would be a fun way for our young people to meet others and to share their Interact excitement. We have already advised sponsors of the proposed event. Watch for details to be announced as plans hopefully come together.



RYLA—ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS



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Think about spending four days with 100 high school kids at Leadership Camp. If your first thoughts are “that would be boring”, or “no way, kids are rotten today”, then you need to think again. RYLA is an awesome experience for the students attending, the Rylarian Counselors who are returning for a second, third or even fourth time, and for the more seasoned Rotarian Counselors and Staff who pull together to make everything happen smoothly, on time, and with plenty of excitement.

Complaints heard most often all concern...lack of sleep – and no, that is...not a complaint from the Rotarians, that is the complaint from the students! Camp begins at 7:30AM and the day continues until after 10:00PM and includes events, activities, lots of action and plenty of food.

As most of us begin our weekly Rotary meeting, RYLA days begin with one group leading the pledge a prayer and the Four Way Test. Each group chooses an outstanding leader from the day before and then we are off. Off to learn about Rotary, experience leadership and team building games, participate in group discussions about how and why activities had certain results. There is time for physical activity and time for seeing Rotary in action with a service project. Rotarians have the opportunity to share their own Rotary stories, answer questions and ask more probing questions of the students'. Students learn about Polio Plus, scholarship opportunities, other Rotary Projects, City Leadership, State Leadership, proper dining etiquette, and have time to make friends with other students of similar age. Oh, they also have to work together to create a skit interpreting the Four Way Test. No wonder they want nap time scheduled in.

RYLA is just one way Rotarians teach young people about Rotary and leadership. The yearlong preparation by the RYLA Committee is well worth the time and effort; and if you ever doubt that our future is not in good hands, then you just might need to come to RYLA yourself and see the awesome young leaders that clubs around the District send. Because of the widespread District participation and the generosity of so many clubs, and Rotarian and Rylarian volunteers, RYLA truly is an amazing event and an awesome experience for our young leaders.

For more information about RYLA or to arrange for a RYLA Program for your club call Kathy Bauer, RYLA District Chair at 940-727-8310.



ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE UPDATE



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On Aug. 20, 2010 Camilo Castro left Santiago, Chile on a 10-hour non-stop flight to DFW to meet his new host family, Perry and Lorna Hoover and his Rotary Club Sponsor, The Kennedale RC.

Meanwhile, at DFW, Drew Marshall sponsored by the Metroport RC was taking off for his 10-hour flight to Santiago to meet his new host family, Hortensia and Ennio Aguirre and his 11 year old host brother, Cristobal from Curico, Chile, a city south of Santiago.

That night, flying near Columbia in northern South America these two boys crossed paths at about 40,000 feet some miles apart and at different altitudes being linked by one common experience, the Rotary Youth Exchange Program. They also linked us. They became the common bond of two Rotary districts, two district Governors, two Youth Exchange Programs, two cities, two schools, two Rotary Clubs and most important of all two families which would grow to a total of 6 families during the year. They are our New Generation Ambassadors!

During this summer we had American students in Europe, European students in District 5790, an international student who returned home from around the world after spending a year with us and our students returning home with new perceptions of the world after being gone for almost a year.

Now, we have a new group of students who just arrived. More on them next month.

Right now, lets plan to give our students in this district an opportunity to participate next year in either a short term summer exchange or a long term year exchange to countries as diverse as Brazil, Taiwan, Finland, France, Germany or Denmark to name only a few. This is the deal.

Starting in September, we hope that Rotary Clubs all over the district will inform their high schools and students about our Youth Exchange Program. If you do not have our new Youth Exchange posters for schools, we can get you some. Phyllis Catton, Southlake RC, is the District Committee Chair for our Outbound Program and Gary McNeil, Arlington South RC, is working with her to help clubs interested in recruiting students for our program.

We now have a 10-minute video for American students. It is posted on our district website under International and then click on Youth Exchange. We also have a lot of other information posted there as well. We will have posted shortly a new short preliminary application form that will be used by Clubs and the District for interviews



Camilo Silva arrives at DFW for a 1 year as a Rotary Youth Exchange



YOUTH EXCHANGE UPDATE, Con't

and screening of the potential students. Students will not have the hassle of getting the long RI application form completed until the District Selection Committee has selected them.

Furthermore, we are extending the application deadline to Jan. 5, 2011 for these applications to reach Phyllis Catton. District interviews will be on Jan. 15, 2011. This will give clubs time to receive help from our committee in making presentations to potential students and families in many schools. Already, we have had 5 students who have expressed an interest in the program. These students heard about the Youth Exchange program at RYLA, from friends going on the program, or by checking on the RI website etc. Be sure to tell your Interact Club members about this great program.

We already have a number of clubs who are becoming interested in all the Youth Exchange Programs.

Our inbound students from Spain, Germany, Finland, Italy, Chile, Brazil and Russia are fantastic. This will be a new great year for Youth Exchange. Let us help you get your club involved!!! You will change lives and your club will become ACTIVE in the NEW 5th Avenue of Service, called New Generations! We want to hear from you SOON!



DISTRICT AWARDS PROGRAM 2010-2011

TIME'S A'WASTIN'

New RI Club Builder Award Nominations Due Soon

Who will be your Club's nominee?

It's time to start thinking about the newly created Club Builder Award. This is a very prestigious award which will be given to only one person in each District.

BUT nominations will be due from the Clubs to the District Governor very soon... October 15.

BUT there are specific guidelines to follow to determine who will be suggested as Club Builder from each Club.

The nominee from a Club must be recommended by three past Club presidents of their own Club or of a past Club if the nominee has belonged to his/her current Club less than three years.

DG Paul will then convene a panel of PDGs to determine the one person's name to be submitted to RI for their consideration.

For example:

- The nominee must be in good standing with at least ten years' membership in the current club or a total of ten consecutive years in more than one Rotary Club.
- The nominee must have served as Club President.
- The nominee must be in a Club with at least 30 members in the three years immediately preceding the nomination. *Our District has 36 Clubs that qualify.*

The RI Club Builder Award is designed to recognize Rotarians who:

- Have personally recruited at least five members during the past three years who are still active Rotarians at the time of nomination.
- Participated in Rotary training in their Club during the past 12 months.
- Participated in at least one meaningful club-level vocational service project during the past 12 months.
- Attended at least two district meetings per year in the three years immediately preceding the nomination.

There are so many outstanding Rotarians in our District who meet, nay, even surpass these requirements. Our Clubs will be remiss if we fail to send a nomination to DG Paul by October 15. **SOMEONE IN OUR DISTRICT NEEDS TO BE AMONG THE FIRST GROUP OF RI CLUB BUILDER AWARDS!**

We need to make our voices heard and our light shine. It is surely inconceivable that other Districts could have better programs and Rotarians to implement them! Right??!!?



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is District Chair—
Awards

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Rotary Club, and Past
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FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE

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Friendship Exchange programs with Rotary International are simply a vehicle to foster and expand the principles of Rotary: Fellowship. The Rotary Friendship Exchange program gives Rotarians and their families the opportunity to host and visit Rotarians around the world. In addition to experiencing other cultures and making lasting friendships, an exchange provides a strong foundation for carrying out other international activities and service projects. The primary goal of a Friendship Exchange is to build greater international understanding and goodwill among Rotarians and their families. In addition, exchange participants can:

- Learn how their vocations are practiced in other parts of the world;
- Observe new customs and cultures;
- Promote an appreciation of cultural diversity worldwide

There are two main types of Friendship Exchanges: the visitor exchange and the team exchange. In both types, the participating districts agree upon the number of people or couples participating, length of stay, and other details. Rotary Friendship Exchanges are expected to be reciprocal.

Visitor Exchange: The visitor exchange gives individual Rotarians, who may be accompanied by family members, the opportunity to spend a few days in the home of a Rotarian in another country. The typical visitor exchange lasts from three to seven days.

Team Exchange: The team exchange allows several Rotarians or Rotary couples to travel to different communities in a host district for a period of up to one month.

Univocational Exchange: A unique aspect to incorporate into either the team or the visitor exchange is the univocational exchange, where both the guest and host Rotarians are members of the same profession. A univocational exchange gives participants the opportunity to explore a common interest.

Volunteer/service Exchange Volunteer or service exchanges include opportunities for visiting Rotarians to participate in the service activities of a host club during an exchange.

This year we have two current Friendship exchanges taking place one from India and one from Mexico. They are simply visitor exchanges. The current list of District Friendship Exchange Chairs can be found at the Rotary International website. In the event that you would like to host or arrange a friendship exchange please email chris.mclucas@yahoo.com



MEMBERSHIP & FOUNDATION SEMINAR RECAP *(Held August 15th in Mineral Wells)*

The annual District 5790 Membership and Foundation Seminar was held last month.

To the right is a recap of the accomplishments of the clubs in the district.

Foundation Recognition for the Rotary Year 2009-2010

Highest per capita giving and highest dollar amount to the Annual Program Fund (top 3)

1st: Rotary Club of Grapevine

2nd: Rotary Club of Granbury

3rd: Rotary Club of Arlington North

Clubs that achieved \$100 per capita giving to the APF in 2009-2010

Abilene Southwest

Arlington South

Arlington Sunrise

Arlington Great Southwest

Arlington Sunset

Arlington West

Colleyville

Denton South

Fort Worth East

Fort Worth Southwest

Fort Worth South

Hurst-Euless-Bedford

Keller

Lewisville Morning

Mansfield Sunrise

Metroport

Mineral Wells

Sanger

Southlake

Wichita Falls North

Membership Recruitment—Net 2 Member Increase 2009-2010

Arlington

Arlington South

Arlington West

Azle

Bowie

Breckenridge

Crowell

Decatur

Fort Worth Southwest

Granbury

Grapevine

Hamlin

Keller

Mansfield

Mineral Wells

Stamford



PHOTOS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP & FOUNDATION SEMINAR RECAP

(Held August 15th in Mineral Wells)





IRS OFFER—SMALL CHARITIES

Please review the important IRS announcement pertaining to the tax reporting requirements for Rotary clubs.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your local counsel or tax advisor.

WASHINGTON — Small nonprofit organizations at risk of losing their tax-exempt status because they failed to file required returns for 2007, 2008 and 2009 can preserve their status by filing returns by Oct. 15, 2010, under a one-time relief program, the Internal Revenue Service announced today.

The IRS today posted on a [special page of IRS.gov](#) the names and last-known addresses of these at-risk organizations, along with guidance about how to come back into compliance. The organizations on the list have return due dates between May 17 and Oct. 15, 2010, but the IRS has no record that they filed the required returns for any of the past three years. "We are doing everything we can to help organizations comply with the law and keep their valuable tax exemption," IRS Commissioner Doug Shulman said. "So if you do not have your filings up to date, now's the time to take action and get back on track."

Two types of relief are available for small exempt organizations – a filing extension for the smallest organizations required to file [Form 990-N, Electronic Notice \(e-Postcard\)](#), and a [voluntary compliance program \(VCP\)](#) for small organizations eligible to file [Form 990-EZ](#), Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax.

Small organizations required to file Form 990-N simply need to go to the IRS website, supply the eight information items called for on the form, and electronically file it by Oct. 15. That will bring them back into compliance. Under the VCP, tax-exempt organizations eligible to file Form 990-EZ must file their delinquent annual information returns by October 15 and pay a compliance fee. Details about the VCP are on the [IRS website](#), along with [frequently asked questions](#).

The relief announced today is not available to larger organizations required to file the Form 990 or to private foundations that file the Form 990-PF.

The IRS will keep today's list of at-risk organizations on IRS.gov until Oct. 15, 2010. Organizations that have not filed the required information returns by that date will have their tax-exempt status revoked, and the IRS will publish a list of these revoked organizations in early 2011. Donors who contribute to at-risk organizations are protected until the final revocation list is published.

The [Pension Protection Act of 2006](#) made two important changes affecting tax-exempt organizations, effective the beginning of 2007. First, it mandated that all tax-exempt organizations, other than churches and church-related organizations, must file an annual return with the IRS. The Form 990-N was created for small tax-exempt organizations that had not previously had a filing requirement.

Second, the law also required that any tax-exempt organization that fails to file for three consecutive years automatically loses its federal tax-exempt status. The IRS conducted an extensive outreach effort about this new legal requirement but, even so, many organizations have not filed returns on time. If an organization loses its exemption, it will have to reapply with the IRS to regain its tax-exempt status. Any income received between the revocation date and renewed exemption may be taxable.



END POLIO CAMPAIGN WORLD POLIO FUND



Sid Johnson is a member of the Rotary Club of Fort Worth and Immediate Past President.

He is the registrar for the district 5790 World Polio Fund for 2010-2011.

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[See the next page for the form for donations](#)



The eradication polio worldwide is imminent!

YOU have the amazing opportunity of a lifetime to have a part in this victory!

We are that close!



Ending Polio is Rotary's number one project. What has your club pledged toward the project this year? Have you, personally, given to end polio lately? There is a way your club can generate donations to end polio and give your community a chance to help, too. Since people give to people, the process we suggest involves asking your friends, family, business associates, and area foundations and charitable funds to give to end polio. Almost every family in our country was affected by polio in the '40 and 50's so when you ask others to help end polio they will know how important it is to stamp out this dreaded disease. They will know the crippling effect and even death polio brought to their family and friends. Who would not want to donate to rid the world of polio?

Rotary has almost eliminated polio all over the world, but we are not quite there. We need just a few thousand dollars more. It is our job as Rotarians to "get 'er done". We can raise the money but we need to ask others to assist us. District Governor J. Paul Lucas has provided the leadership for each of our 65 clubs to ask for and generate donations for the District Polio Fund. Materials that will make it convenient for you to ask for donations are included in this newsletter and on the district website. They will also be available at the Membership /Foundation Seminar in Mineral Wells on August 14. However, if you need materials before then please contact Sharron Miles. The color form titled "World Polio Fund" has a place for any donor to indicate the level of giving comfortable for them. In the middle of the form is a place for donor information and at the bottom a place for them to use Master Card or Visa for their donated amount. Please ask the donor to make checks to The Rotary Foundation and note that it is for the World Polio Fund. You should collect the checks you receive and send them to Sid Johnston as indicated on the line in the middle of the form. You will want your club to receive the credit with Rotary so be sure your club is identified with the checks you send to Sid. If you need current information about Rotary's efforts to End Polio see the "Talking Points" at the end of this newsletter.

Time is important in raising funds to End Polio. Rotary International has a goal of next spring. However District Governor Lucas says to be recognized at the World Polio Day Dinner on October 5th and the Foundation Banquet on October 6th checks need to be received before October 1, 2010. For recognition at the District Conference checks need to be received by March 31, 2011. To count in the yearly totals you will have until June, 2011.

You,... raise money? Yes, you can. The most important thing is to donate yourself and then ask others to join you in riding the world of Polio.

(You might want to consider sending this donation request to everyone on your e-mail list and ask them to send it to everyone on their list. The last person that I know that did this hoped for \$2,500 but received over \$25,000.)



END POLIO CAMPAIGN WORLD POLIO FUND

JOIN US IN ENDING POLIO THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE WORLD
PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY TO THE

WORLD POLIO FUND

SPONSORED BY THE ROTARY CLUBS OF DISTRICT 5790
GOVERNOR J. PAUL LUCAS



I (We) would like to give the following:

- _____ \$5,000 INTERNATIONAL FUND GIFT
- _____ \$2,500 NATION OF THE WORLD GIFT
- _____ \$1,000 REGION OF THE WORLD GIFT
- _____ \$500 CITY OF THE WORLD GIFT
- _____ \$250 VILLAGE OF THE WORLD GIFT
- _____ \$50 INDIVIDUAL DONOR GIFT
- _____ A GIFT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ _____



Committee Chair Conrad Heede

Make checks payable to: "The Rotary Foundation, (Designated for the World Polio Fund)"

Send payment to: Mr. Sid Johnston, Registrar, World Polio Fund, District 5790
750 W. 5th, Fort Worth, Texas 76102

Name: _____
First Middle Last Preferred Name

Business Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Cell: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

_____ Please charge my () Master Card () VISA Card

Name on credit card: _____

Card No. _____ CSC _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature: _____ Date _____

_____ I will pay by check to - "The Rotary Foundation, (Designated for the World Polio Fund)"



INSTITUTE FOR LEADERSHIP



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DISTRICT 5790 INSTITUTE FOR LEADERSHIP



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Our District has embarked on an exciting new program – we look to you and your club to play a key role. The reviews of the first three classes were great –

The education I received during the Institute for Leadership was excellent. It is both informative and interactive, creating thought about how Rotary makes the world better and providing a pipeline of leadership to insure Rotary's continued success. As well as providing leadership training that is invaluable in our professional lives.

Todd Tubbs, Rotary Club of Cleburne

We call this program "Rotary International District 5790 Institute for Leadership", or simply I f L – designed to develop the skills that help individuals become great leaders in Rotary and our communities; it now is an official Rotary International emphasis. Some people are describing it as a RYLA program for Rotarians,

The program is a highly interactive two day session about the dynamic process of leading. This is not material that can be learned through texts or by attending PETS nor does it duplicate any training previously offered in our district.

The next program will be held at the DFW Marriott (near Texas Motors Speedway), for leaders at all levels from all Rotary Clubs in District 5790.

Saturday, October 16 9:30 am - evening
Sunday, October 17 8:30 am – 5:00 pm

We accept only 24 participants, so enroll now! The tuition fee per student is \$299.00 which includes everything: books, materials, food, hotel, etc. There will be two students per room, but we can make provisions for single occupancy for an additional fee of \$50.00 per person. Even if a student lives locally, he/she needs to stay in the hotel as part of the learning experience. The logistics of the course are detailed in the enclosed Registration Form.

Each Rotary Club will be given the opportunity to send members, please encourage registration as soon as possible using the enclosed Rotary District 5790 I f L Application. We suggest that the club pay for the tuition. Should you have any additional questions, please contact any of the I f L Committee Members.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Chuck

A program to help develop the personal leadership skills of Rotary club members, enhance their professional lives and nurture future Rotary leaders

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VERNON ROTARY CLUB "CHILI FUNDRAISER"



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As is the burden for every club across the nation, finding that niche fund raising event for the Vernon, Texas club has been no easy task. After many attempts to undertake an event that would catch on and be embraced by the community and prove a successful event for the Club, this past April the Rotary Club of Vernon, Texas finally hit a bases-loaded homerun!

April 10th, 2010 marked the first "Vernon Texas Community Chili Feed", organized and held by the Rotary Club of Vernon, Texas. It all started as a simple idea for a club fund raiser. What it turned into was two days of fun, fellowship and food.

To start things off, the club enlisted the help of some of the member's wives to each prepare a pot of chili using various recipes. The board then undertook the huge task of having a working board meeting to sample each of the chili's prepared to decide on the recipe to be used for our first community chili supper. While it was tough work, we were finally able to decide on the perfect recipe, by secret ballot. It was a close vote but we narrowed it down to the best based on taste, spice and texture.

We all know how to cook chili for 5 or even 10 people. But how about for over 500? We divided the responsibilities amongst the Chili Feed committee. One member was in charge of securing the chili meat, another bowls and spoons, etc. We sat down with a calculator, did a bit of quick math and PRESTO... Had our formula for the right amount of meat per person, per cooking pot. "What about beans?" somebody asked "I like them in Chili." Another responded, "But that is not how real 'Texas Chili' is made." So, we compromised. We cooked a separate pot of good-ole chili beans and offered them on the side!

Then the cooking day arrived. Bright and early the Friday morning before the chili feed several Club members showed up at the county auditorium kitchen and began "The Cooking of the Meat." It was quite an experience and a lot of fellowship was involved. We had many, many members show up to help and get involved that often do not participate. It really brought the club together.

The next day was the big event. I am proud to say that we sold out every bit of our chili, save one or two pints of take out. It was a huge success for our club and for our community. In fact, it was such a success we have decided to officially move our Chili Feed date to correspond each year in December with the Annual Lighted Christmas Parade. Folks will be able to come and eat warm chili before the parade starts and then head out to Main Street for the festivities.

We believe this project was a shining example of the 4-Way Test in Action. We truthfully fulfilled our goal of a fund raiser for the club through a fair for all event that was built on good will and friendship that was beneficial to both the Club itself and our community as a whole.



BROWNWOOD ROTARY CLUB *"Past, Present & Future"*



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Woodrow Wilson, reflecting on the significance of our lives, once stated, "You are not here merely to make a living. You are here to enable the world to live more amply, with greater vision, and with a finer spirit of hope and achievement. You are here to enrich the world. You impoverish yourself if you forget this errand." The Brownwood Rotary club has spent more than 90 years enriching the community of Brownwood and has made a broad impact both in our nation and around the globe.

The Brownwood Rotary Club (#1770) held its first meeting March 19, 1920 while Woodrow Wilson served as president and is the second oldest club in Rotary District 5790. Fort Worth Rotarians, along with District Governor, Robert E. Vinson, President of the State University, visited Brownwood during September of 1919 to survey Brownwood as a possible site for a new Rotary Club. They met with a small group of businessmen and presented the idea of Rotary to them. The organization of the club was an outgrowth of a commission given to French W. Thompson, president of Daniel Baker College who had been a Rotarian in Kentucky.

By January 1, 1922, the club was meeting weekly and soon moved their luncheons to the Southern Hotel. During the first two years of the club's existence it became involved in several community projects. Members launched a tree planting program in Brownwood which resulted in more than one thousand pecan trees being planted in Brownwood. The club gave leadership to the establishment of the Boy Scout organization in Brownwood from 1921 to 1924. In addition, the members launched the idea of a public health service for the city and county during the winter months of 1920-21 that resulted in the establishment of health services in the area. The club also developed a campaign to finance the health services effort for the first few years and helped raise enough funds to fund the Red Cross for a year. In 1923, the first annual Boys Week was established in Brownwood.

Since our humble beginnings, the Brownwood Rotary Club has given countless hours of service and money in support of various programs in the community. Current projects include buying and distributing dictionaries to all of the third graders in Brown County, hosting an annual Arts & Crafts Show and setting out U. S. Flags in the downtown area six times a year. Additionally, the club awards scholarships to local area students who are graduating from high school and planning to attend college. Those competing for the scholarships will have been involved with the Brownwood Rotary Club either through the RYLA Program sponsored by Rotary District #5790 or the Student Rotarian partnership program with Brownwood ISD or Early ISD.

Rotary in Brownwood has had a rich history and current members continue to find new avenues to enrich the lives of people both on a local level and abroad. Together, as a part of the larger Rotary family, we stand ready to serve with a renewed commitment to the enduring principles that are the fiber of Rotary International. The future is bright as we embark upon new ways to spread the principled and values of Rotary to the generations that follow.



FORT WORTH ROTARY CLUB *"Combating Low Literacy in Tarrant County"*

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Low literacy in the workplace often means the inability to read well enough to fully understand important written material (e.g. safety manual, infectious disease material, training material, shipping invoices or operation instructions). Low literacy skills cost businesses and taxpayers \$20 billion in lost wages, profits, and productivity every year. In Tarrant County, one in five adults cannot read well enough to succeed at a fourth grade level. Almost 2/3 of those are unemployed or only marginally employed.

The Rotary Club of Fort Worth hosted a Workplace Summit last year to raise awareness of the issue of workplace literacy and how it affects the lives of everyone who lives and works in Tarrant County. International workforce literacy expert Dr. Edward E. Gordon was the keynote speaker. He explored how community groups, businesses and educators can address this critical skills shortfall.

This year we will launch a new effort to combat literacy in Tarrant County. Details on the new project will be coming out soon. It is truly an exciting and bold project.

We continue our STARS program at Riverside Middle School and have added a Math and Science camp at the University of Texas at Arlington campus in our mix of Adopt-A-School activities the last two years. Pen Pal correspondence is another very rewarding experience for our Rotarians and the students at Riverside Middle School.

HAMLIN ROTARY CLUB *"Raising Money for Relay for Cancer"*



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Now we are anticipating our participation in the American Cancer's Relay for Life event. Last year the funds we raised made us the second largest donor, and we hope to be in first place this year. Relay For Life is to raise money for cancer research and cancer patients, but it also is used to retain cancer awareness, remember those whose lives the disease has claimed and celebrate cancer survivors in local communities. Relay is the main volunteer-driven cancer fundraising event of the American Cancer Society.

Additionally we are getting ready for another of our fundraising meals that benefit local nonprofits, many of them youth groups.

Our ongoing project is support for the local Boy Scouts. Many of our activities are consistent from year to year, and we will continue these.



WICHITA FALLS ROTARY CLUB *"Roaring Back With Vim & Vigor"*



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The Rotary Club of Wichita Falls has seen it's ups and downs over the past year or so, but for 2010-2011, the club is roaring back. It is doing so, by getting back to basics and doing what we've done before with a renewed vim and vigor.

It starts with our flag program. Wichita Falls is a military town with our biggest asset being Sheppard Air Force Base. And because we are a military town, there is nothing more glorious than seeing flag lined streets displaying "Old Glory" up one side and down the other. In the past few years, flag subscriptions have dwindled. This year the club has made a renewed effort to get many more flags out and it's working. Subscriptions are up and with more subscriptions we have more money coming in so we can provide more money to various projects we sponsor in the city. Our main emphasis has been on programs that target children. We are one of the oldest sponsors of the the Wichita Falls Boys and Girls Clubs. We have managed to give thousands of dollars over the years, a figure that just keeps growing and growing. We also give much needed support to Camp Fire Kids, Boy Scouts and several other programs in the city. The Rotary Club Of Wichita Falls' renewed effort and increased support comes at a time for these agencies, when other major benefactors have reduced or withdrawn support entirely.

Another area the club has stepped up to help is in providing wheelchairs for people in third world countries. We think nothing of getting a wheelchair for a family member here if one is needed, and that usually happens with some or full assistance from insurance companies. But in third world countries, it can be very difficult. That is why our members are individually paying \$150.00 each to supply a wheelchair for an individual in another country. The donor receives a folder recognizing the gift, along with a photo of the person who was the recipient.

Our next endeavor is looking at providing clean drinking water to families in areas where there is little or no clean water. This project is only in the beginning stages, but we hope to move forward in the very near future.



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LEWISVILLE ROTARY CLUB *"Exceptional Student of the Month Program"*

Many Rotary clubs have a "Student of the Month" program whereby they recognize a student from the local high school due to outstanding academic and extracurricular achievement. We have such a program at the Lewisville Rotary Club, but it inspired an entirely different type of program – the Exceptional Student of the Month.

What is different about our program—is that it is for students with special needs. Should they not be recognized as well? After all, a child faced with the special challenges that a disability sometimes creates can attain a spirit unobtainable by those of us considered "normal" by society's standards. So at the urging of our 2009-2010 President, Mike Pope, we started the program. Our club was already involved with the Lewisville ISD with a Student of the Month program and an Interact Club, and we also supported as a service project and through donations the **Grand Ball**, an event that provides a high school prom experience for students with special needs or disabilities. Our club decided to do something further to let special needs students know how much we valued them.

The creative juices churned and the idea was born: The Exceptional Student of the Month. Contact with the appropriate persons at LISD drew immediate support for the program, and it was launched! The rules were very simple – select one student each month to be highlighted as our Exceptional Student of the Month, invite the teacher or counselor who selected them to receive the award to attend our lunch meeting and tell a little about them, and parents were invited to attend the lunch meeting and observe the event. A certificate is framed and presented once a month. Of course in true Rotary fashion, our invited guests lunch for free! When the award is announced, all our members give the award recipient a standing ovation. It is such a joy to see the excitement of the student and parents.

The Exceptional Student of the Month program is an opportunity to recognize students with special needs who, despite any physical or mental limitations, excel in character and attitude. The award was based on characteristics such as good citizenship, classroom participation, demonstrating responsibility, respect for peers and teachers, good attendance, work ethic, extracurricular activities and sometimes good grades. The Exceptional Student of the Month award is often the only time in the student's life that they are recognized by community business leaders. It's a win-win for everyone.

2010-11 will allow us to add something else to the program: One of our newest members owns a web publishing company and often produces videos for his clients. He has agreed to produce a short video each month that will highlight the accomplishments of the student, with family photographs and interviews with school teachers or coordinators. Provided the family signs a waiver, we plan to not only show the video at the regular lunch meeting, the video will go on the club's YouTube channel along with releasing it to LISD for use on their closed circuit district-wide television channel.



JULY 2010 CLUB ATTENDANCE

Rotary Club	Members 7/1/2010	%	Mtgs	Members 7/31/2010	Add/Loss
Abilene - F	102	55.30%	4	99	(3)
Abilene South west - T	58	79.74%	4	58	-
Abilene Wednesday	21	48.80%	4	21	-
Arlington - TH	114	54.75%	5	115	1
Arlington GSW - W	40	69.00%	4	38	(2)
Arlington North - M	42	65.24%	4	42	-
Arlington South - F	24	50.00%	4	24	-
Arlington Sunrise - F	63	96.80%	4	62	(1)
Arlington Sunset - T	8	78.13%	4	8	-
Arlington West - T	35	59.00%	4	34	(1)
Azle - TH	44	59.00%	5	44	-
Bowie - W	22	84.54%	4	23	1
Breckenridge - T	22	58.25%	4	21	(1)
Brownwood - W					-
Burkburnett - T	42	62.00%	4	42	-
Burleson - F	46	78.98%	4	47	1
Burleson Area Mid Day - M	30	78.00%	3	29	(1)
Cisco - TH	12	69.00%	5	12	-
Cleburne - TH	86	66.00%	5	87	1
Coleman - M					-
Colleyville - T	14	90.00%	3	14	-
Crowell - W					-
Decatur - TH	23	56.00%	5	23	-
Denton - TH	87	53.58%	5	87	-
Denton South - T	34	77.00%	4	32	(2)
Dublin - T	23	69.00%	4	24	1
Eastland - TH	20	56.00%	5	19	(1)
Flower Mound - TH	71	84.00%	5	69	(2)
Fort Worth East - M	35	57.00%	3	35	-
Fort Worth International - W	14	60.00%	2	14	-
Fort Worth North - W	20	62.00%	4	21	1
Fort Worth - F	495	53.00%	4	488	(7)

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RotaryClub	Members 7/1/2010	%	Mtgs	Members 7/31/2010	Add/Loss
Fort Worth South - T	71	68.22%	3	71	-
Fort Worth Southw est - TH	23	88.00%	5	23	-
Gainesville - W	63	43.00%	4	60	(3)
Graham - F	111	40.00%	4	108	(3)
Granbury - TH	52	58.40%	5	52	-
Grapevine - W	96	67.46%	4	97	1
Hamlin - W					-
Haskell - TH					-
HEB - T	65	79.00%	4	65	-
Highland Village	29	65.00%	5	33	4
low a Park - W					-
Keller - T	51	54.89%	4	46	(5)
Kennedale	32	68.00%	4	26	(6)
Lake Ray Roberts - T	14	73.00%	4	13	(1)
Lew isville Morning - TH	26	89.68%	5	26	-
Lew isville Noon - W	55	78.34%	4	56	1
Mansfield - T	37	80.14%	4	38	1
Mansfield Sunrise - TH	18	66.67%	5	18	-
Metroport - F	32	91.61%	5	32	-
Mid-Cities Pacesetters - F	49	77.00%	4	50	1
Mineral Wells - W	44	78.25%	4	42	(2)
Nocona - T					-
Sanger - T	8	52.00%	4	8	-
Southlake - T	17	72.00%	5	17	-
Stamford - T	35	56.00%	4	35	-
Stephenville - TH	26	66.92%	5	26	-
The Colony - T					-
Vernon - T	42	56.54%	4	42	-
Weatherford - T	113	69.47%	3	112	(1)
Western Fort Worth - T	72	69.75%	3	72	-
Wichita Falls North - F					-
Wichita Falls - TH	84	63.00%	4	84	-
Wichita Falls Southw est - M	24	82.00%	3	24	-

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ARLINGTON WEST ROTARY CLUB
"Annual Golf Tournament—September 20, 2010"

Player Check-In 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Putting Contest 12:00 p.m.

Tee Times at 1:00 p.m.

Box Lunch and Gift Bag in carts.

Complimentary beverages provided throughout the day.

Four Player Florida Scramble

Two Flights assigned by the club Pro

Prizes for longest drive, straightest drive, and
closest-to-the-pin.

Hole-in-One contest on the 17th hole sponsored by

Moritz BMW Cadillac MINI.

Spring Creek Barbeque dinner,

awards and raffle after play.

Please sign
me up for the
"Scholarship
Scramble"!



Please reserve:

_____ Tee Box/Green Sponsor

_____ Deluxe Golfer's Package

_____ Gift Bag Sponsor

_____ Benefactor

TEE BOX/GREEN SPONSOR \$250

Includes signage on a tee or green. This also includes special recognition in all publications and brochures.

DELUXE GOLFER PACKAGE \$125

Includes one 18-hole round of golf including green fee, cart, box lunch, gift bag, beverages and dinner.

GIFT BAG DONOR

Any useful item that will enhance the value of the gift bag to the golfer i.e. notepads, pens, golf balls, towels, etc. may include your company logo. A minimum quantity of 80 is required. This also includes special recognition in all publications and brochures.

BENEFACTOR

If you cannot play but would like to make a donation to the scholarship fund, please remit the amount of your choice.

Name _____

Phone _____

Company _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Handicap or 18 Hole Score _____

I would like to play with:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

For additional information contact:

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Please remit checks to:

Rotary Club of Arlington West

P.O. Box 14328 • Arlington, Texas 76094-1328



ROTARIANS DEDICATE GREAT WESTERN TRAIL MARKER IN MILES CITY, MONTANA

The first Great Western Trail (GWT) marker in Montana was dedicated in Miles City August 10 by 35 Rotarians, friends from other states and Canada, Montana. Rotary International President (RIP) Ray Klinginsmith was the keynote speaker.

Texas DG 5790 Paul Lucas presented a Proclamation to Montana District 5390 DG David Kinsey in appreciation for District 5390 and Miles City Rotary Club's dedication events. Oklahoma Rotarian Michael Babb sang an original song, "Great Western Cattle Trail," written and recorded at the RIP's request



Texas PDG 5790 David Mason presented a bilingual congratulations from Matamoros, Mexico, Rotarians and recognized Montana PDGs Don Gatzke and Paul Broughton for their earlier efforts at securing and dedicating markers for Montana.

Vernon Rotarian co-chairman of the "Marking the GWT Project" Sylvia Mahoney presented the marker and invited participants to dedicate the marker with Red River water in a Mason Jar, a tradition at dedication ceremonies

In 2004, the Rotary Club of Vernon, Texas, began a Rotary Centennial Project, "Marking the Great Western Trail from Mexico to Canada." Rotarians from Matamoros, Mexico, through seven of the nine U.S. states to Regina, Saskatchewan, have worked together to mark the GWT to preserve their shared history, promote heritage tourism and exhibit the power of Rotarians working together internationally.

Vernon Rotarian and City Councilman Phil McCuiston presented a Resolution to Miles City Mayor Joe Whalen from Vernon Mayor Jeff Bearden. Vernon Rotary Past President Harold Hardcastle presented Longhorn Rotary pins for club members to Miles City Rotary Past President Stan Markuson. The pins were a gift to the Vernon Rotary Club from Jose Luis Diaz del Lie of Leon, Mexico, in appreciation for the Vernon Rotarians' trail work that included Mexico and to acknowledge Rotarians who joined the project.

Miles City Rotary Past President Stan Markuson as master of ceremony welcomed everyone to the grounds of the Range Riders Museum. Carrying flags from the three countries and nine U.S. states that the trail crossed were Regina, Saskatchewan; Gene Griffith, Montana; Miles City Pres. Barrie Matthews; PP Stan Markuson; District Sec. Ellen Robison; ND DG Jim Ozbun; OK DG Tami Babb; OK Maurice King; Texans Bill Huskinson, Neal Fitzgerald, Mary Ann McCuiston, Josh Fitzgerald, Ryan Fitzgerald, and DG David Mason. Regina Rotary Club greetings were from GWT chairman Gene Griffith, PE Ian Toms; from the ND Rotary District, DG Jim Ozbun and from Oklahoma, Dennis Vernon and John Barton, who challenged the Vernon Rotary Club to initiate the project.

Following the dedication, the Miles City Rotary Club held its annual Duck Race at Miles City Oasis, which raised \$25,000.

Other events included: a reception at the Miles City Club founded in 1884; tours of the trail days' Montana Bar, Dove Olive Hotel—a setting for the film Lonesome Dove's death of Gus McRae and the 1875 Fort Keogh—now a 55,000-acre USDA-Agricultural Research Service Livestock and Range Research Laboratory.



ROTARY LICENSE PLATES NOW AVAILABLE



Share the Rotary message with an attractive new specialty license plate:

It is a great way for increasing awareness of our organization and mission.

To order your plate, please visit:

<http://rts.texasonline.state.tx.us/NASApp/txdotrts/SpecialPlateOrderServlet?grpid=60>.

From the \$30 specialty plate fee, \$22 goes to the Texas Department of State Health Services to help fund Tuberculosis (TB) prevention and for improving the delivery of TB prevention and control services. Remember to "Drive Courteously" with your new Rotary Plate.

PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT

"A Rotary Meeting in England"

"While attending the Farnborough (England) International Air Show, Arlington Sunrise Rotarian Mel Crosier decided to set up a Rotary meeting for other Rotarians in attendance. He was able to coordinate this with the local Farnborough and Rushmoor Rotary Clubs. Mel conducted the meeting, which had about 45 Rotarians in attendance. Banners were exchanged and fellowship was enjoyed by all."





PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT

AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLAR VISITS D.C. ROTARY CLUB



Vanessa Bilanceri, one of District 5790's Ambassadorial Scholars, attended the Capitol Hill Club meeting the last week of July.

First photo: Vanessa with Peter Kyle, this year's recipient of the Rotary Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award, former club president, former ambassadorial scholar and helped Vanessa through the peace fellowship process. Second photo: Vanessa with Polly Binns, Capitol Hill Club President.

SPEAKERS FOR YOUR CLUBS

In need of a speaker for your club in the Fort Worth area? Here are two who spoke at clubs recently in the Fort Worth area.

Lou Brewer RN, MPH, Health Director Tarrant County Public Health, has a presentation about the new Health Care Reform Laws and how it affects us. She can be reached at 817-321-5300.

Next time you are in Fort Worth, take a good look at the historical County Courthouse and related buildings and think of Rotarian Arthur Weinman. Architect Wienman has his own firm and has worked on restoration projects in the courthouse area for years. A current project is the court- house's 115-year old clock tower that is to undergo a \$5 million restoration. Art says he spent months crawling all over the tower examining what needed to be addressed in the makeover. He can be reached at 817-737-0977 or by e-mail at art_wa@swbell.net



PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT

"Arlington Sunrise—New Members"

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To submit articles please send them to the editor at the e-mail address above. Submissions are requested by the 20th of the month.

Comments and suggestions welcome.



Arlington Sunrise Club has been busy building Rotary membership! Picture to left shows PDG Bill Harnagal introducing Larry Summers a new member. Picture to right shows new member Rosa Beck with ADG Hollis Lackey.

"Arlington Sunrise—Thornton Elementary Bike Presentation"



Arlington Sunrise Club members were on hand recently at Thornton Elementary School in east Arlington to publicize their "Stay in School" program. Every six weeks during the school year, the Sunrise Club will provide one boy's and one girl's bike to be given to students chosen by school officials from those boys and girls who had perfect attendance for that six week period.

COMING IN THE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER...

October is Vocational Month. You'll find articles on The Four Way Speech Contest, RITE, Ambassadorial Scholars, Peace Fellows and Vocational Service.

Gainesville, Haskell, Lake Ray Roberts, Lewisville Morning and Wichita Falls North will let us know what is going on with their clubs.

You'll also get an update from the Foundation Dinner and World Polio Dinner. As always, let us know what is going on with your club!